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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-14,17-28 and 30-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-14,17-28 and 30-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 10.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. Claims 1, 4-13, 14 and 17-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gerszberg et al. (US Patent # 6,385,305).

Regarding claims 1, 13 and 14, Gerszberg discloses: multiple ports (130, 14, 18, 16, and 15) , at least one end user device (Fig. 2 @ 121) connected to each port , a transceiver (column 5, lines 1-8), a designation element (column 8, lines 31-32), wherein the designation element identifies the multiple ports, a processing unit (Fig. 2 @ 102 ; column 4, line 60), wherein the processing unit provides a greeting (column 9, lines 46-55) and routes a signal received by the transceiver (column 8, lines 27-31) to one of the multiple ports selected by the end user using the greeting .

Regarding claim 4, Gerszberg discloses that the processing units provides a message after the greeting (column 10, lines 15-19).

Regarding claims 5 and 18, Gerszberg discloses that greetings and message are customized (column 10, lines 15-16).

Regarding claims 19 and 6, Gerszberg discloses that the end user interface (Fig. 1 @ 10) stores multiple greetings and messages and the processing unit selectively provides the greeting and message from the multiple greetings and messages (column 10, lines 15- 19).

Regarding claims 7 and 20, Gerszberg teaches that the at least one end user device provides a distinct alert (column 5, lines 35-38; column 6, lines 42-48).

Regarding claims 8 and 21, Gerszberg teaches that the distinct alert is a distinctive ring (column 5, lines 35-38).

Regarding claims 9 and 22, Gerszberg teaches that the end user interface displays (column 6, lines 16-17).

Regarding claims 10 and 23, Gerszberg teaches that the identity includes number (column 9, lines 56).

Regarding claim 11 and 24, Gerszberg teaches that the broadband communication system includes an Internet Protocol Network supporting Internet Protocol telephony service (column 5, lines 51-56).

Regarding claims 12 and 25, Gerszberg teaches that at least one end user device includes one digital telephones (Fig. 1 @ 18 ; column 4, line 27).

Regarding claims 13 and 26, Gerszberg discloses that the designation element is a directory number(column 6, lines 42-48).

Regarding claim 17, Gerszberg teaches that the processing unit (Fig. 2 @ 102; column 4, line 60) provides a message after the one of the multiple ports is selected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. Claims 27, 28 and 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eisdorfer et al. (US Patent # 5,724,411) in view of Gerszberg et al. (US Patent # 6,85,305).

Regarding claims 27, 30, 31 and 32, Eisdorfer discloses: mapping the directory number with the multiple ports on the end user interface (column 2, lines 42-46) , receiving an incoming call (column 3, line 49), directing the incoming call to the selected port(column 2, lines 55-56). Eisdorfer discloses all the subject matter of the claimed invention with exception of providing greetings and using the greeting. Gerszberg from the same or similar fields of endeavor teaches providing greetings and using the greeting (column 9, lines 46-55). Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use providing greetings and using the greeting as taught by Gerszberg in the communications network of Eisdorfer et al. The greetings and using the greeting can be modified/implemented by connecting the video greeting 316 recoded Fig. 6 to the switching block 110, Fig. 1 of Eisdorfer. The motivation for using the greeting as taught by Gerszberg in the communication network of Eisdorfer being that it provides capability for the system to enable user record video greeting for their answering machines.

Regarding claim 28, Eisdorfer teaches alerting to the incoming call using a distinctive alert associated with the selected port (column 2, lines 58-60).

Regarding claim 33, Eisdorfer teaches that each of the multiple ports includes a unique identity and displaying (column 8, lines 60-62).

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Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,4-13,14, 17-26,27-28 and 30-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this application or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Boakye whose telephone number is (703) 308-9554. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rao Seema can be reached on (703) 308-5463. The fax number is (703) 872-9314. Any inquiry of a general or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4750.

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